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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 1825

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, SL

SUBJECT: GVN-SL RELATIONS

REF (A) STATE 187969 (B) FREETOWN 1570

1. AS INDICATED REF B, EMBASSY HAD ALREADY PRIOR TO RECEIPT REF A RECEIVED REQUEST FROM GOSL TO SERVE AS CHANNEL OF CONVENIENCE FOR STARTING DIRECT GVN-SL CONTACTS IN ABSENCE ANY EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SL AND GVN REPS IN THIRD COUNTRY CAPITALS.

2. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT BALL NOW IN GVN COURT TO FOLLOW UP THIS INVITATION BUT WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT GVN ACTIVELY SEEKING PURSUE THIS OPENING. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT GOSL PERFECTLY WILLING RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR VISITS FROM REPS OF CONTENDING PARTIES IN DIVIDED COUNTRIES AND TO DISCUSS OPENING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (UNFORTUNATELY IT ALSO OBVIOUS THIS INCLUDE PRG REPS) AND KHMER AND ROK REPS HAVE BOTH RECENTLY AGGRESSIVELY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS POSITION TO SEND MISSIONS WHICH MADE FORCEFUL REPRESENTATIONS OF THEIR POSITIONS TO GOSL. IT EQUALLY CLEAR, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT GOSL, WHILE RECEPTIVE AND HOSPITABLE TO

VISITING MISSIONS AND DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHING
RELATIONS, NOT PREPARED TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON
THESE MATTERS. CONSEQUENTLY, IF GVN WISHES PURSUE
THIS OPENING, IT IS IMPERATIVE GVN DECIDE WHAT
MESSAGE IT WISHES US TO PASS TO GOSL AT WHICH TIME
WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY
WITHIN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY DEPT IN REFTEL A.
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